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DURING TALK WITH DE GAULLE THIS MORNING WE DISCUSSED WORSENING
EAST-WEST CRISIS.

DE GAULLE STATED THAT THE SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED ABOUT AS HE HAD
FORESEEN. HE BELIEVES THE SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING THEIR BUILD-UP
AGAINST THE WEST, OF WHICH THEIR RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TESTS IS
A PART, AND IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE FOR THE WEST TO RUN TO
THE USSR ASKING FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

I COMMENTED THAT THE HUNDRED MEGATON WEAPONS IS MORE A PSYCHOLOGI
THAN A MILITARY THREAT, SINCE IN MY OPINION MORE VALUE WOULD BE
DERIVED MILITARILY FROM SEVERAL 20 MEGATON WEAPONS. THEREFORE IT
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE FOR PURPOSES
OF INTIMIDATION, IN THE PATTERN OF THEIR THINKING IN THE PAST.
HE NODDED IN AGREEMENT AND STATED SOVIETS WOULD CONTINUE TO
THREATEN, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR US TO SHOW SIGNS OF
WEAKNESS IN THE FACE OF SUCH THREATS.

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